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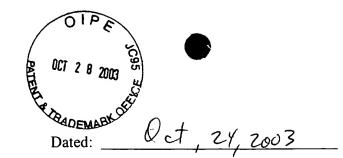
As discussed with the examiner during the October 2, 2003 telephone conversation, applicant renumbered reference characters as required under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) so no two elements are designated by the same reference characters. The first five figures in the specification have been renumbered to correct a typographical error. A substitute specification and set of drawings is being presented according to 37 CFR §§ 1.125 and 1.121. No new matter has been added through these minor changes. A marked up version and a clean version form is being submitted therein according to MPEP §§ 608.01(p) and 608.02(h).

Claims 2-15 were pending at the time of the Office Action. Claims 11-15 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 1 and 16 have been cancelled from this application.

Claim 2 has been amended to include "implemented on a computer readable medium or in computer memory". The examiner requested during the October 2, 2003, telephone conversation that Claim 2 be modified for clarification purposes to refer to implementation on a computer readable medium. Applicant has amended Claim 2 to refer not only to computer readable medium but also to implementation in computer memory.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 2–15 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1 and 16 have been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. In view of the examiner's comments, applicant retains the right to present claims 1 and 16 in a continued prosecution.

Allowance of the subject specification, including all pending claims, is courteously solicited.



Respectfully submitted,

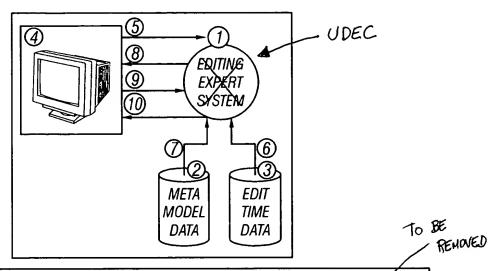
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- 1. Editing Expert System
- 2. Meta Model Data
- 3. Edit-Time Data
- 4. Editing User Interface
- 5. User begins edit session and Requests Load of Edit-Time Data in user Interface.
- 6. Editing Expert System loads Edit-Time Data
- 7. Editing Expert System loads meta-Model Data specified in Edit-Time Data
- 8. Editing Expert System causes Edit-Time Data to be displayed to user
- 9. User Begins Edit Action in Editing user Interface. Edit Action Descriptors sent to editing Expert System
- Editing Expert System validates Edit Action, Returns Status Code and Support Message. Editing User Interface displays status information to user

FIG. 1



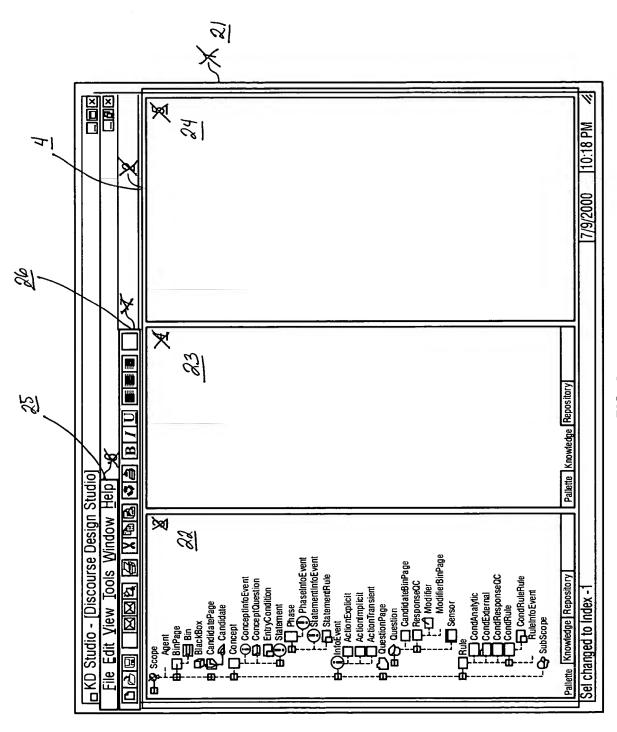


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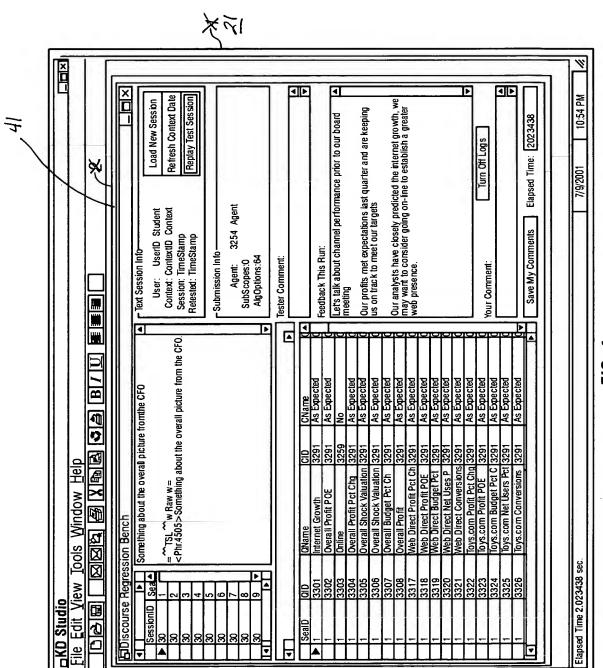


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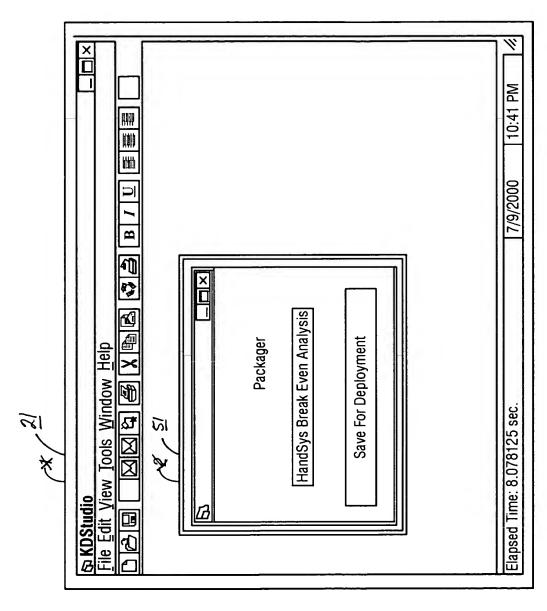


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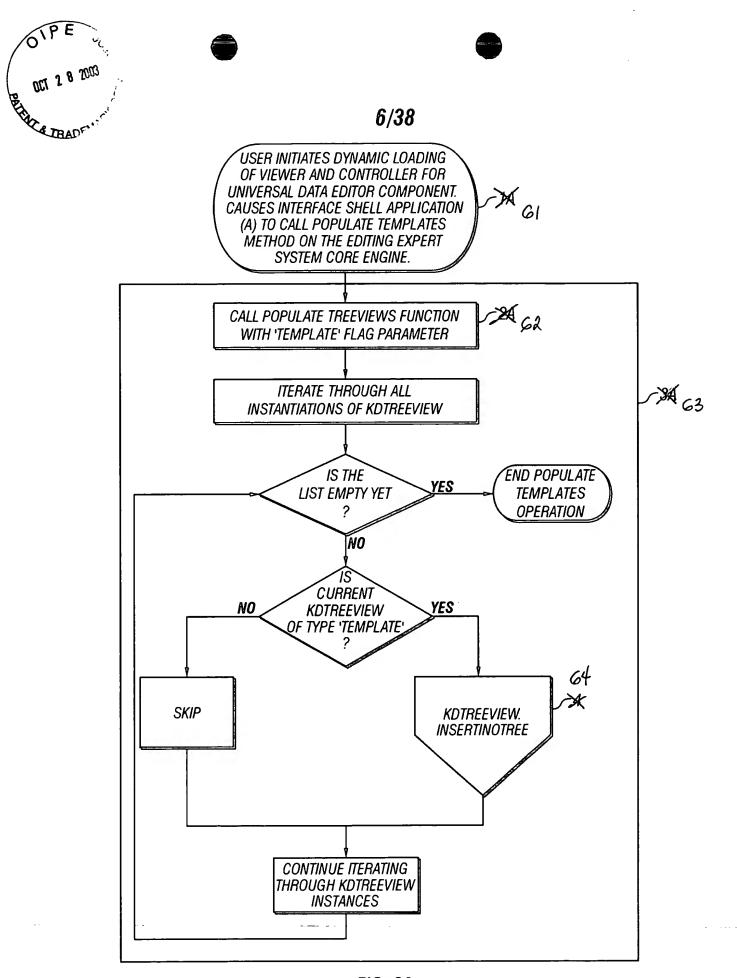


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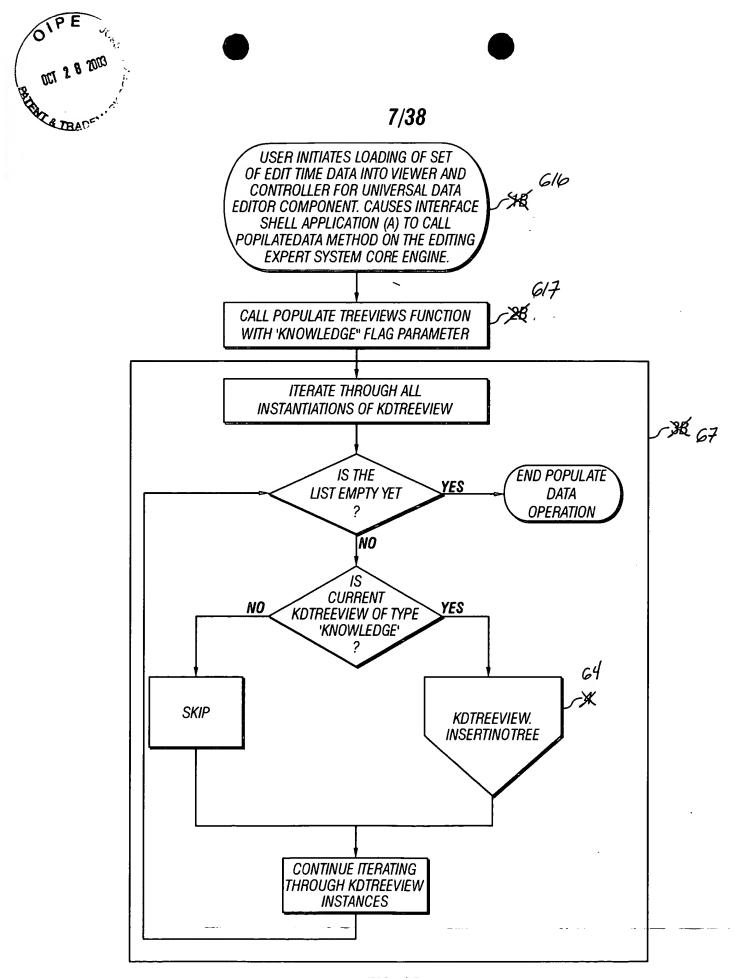


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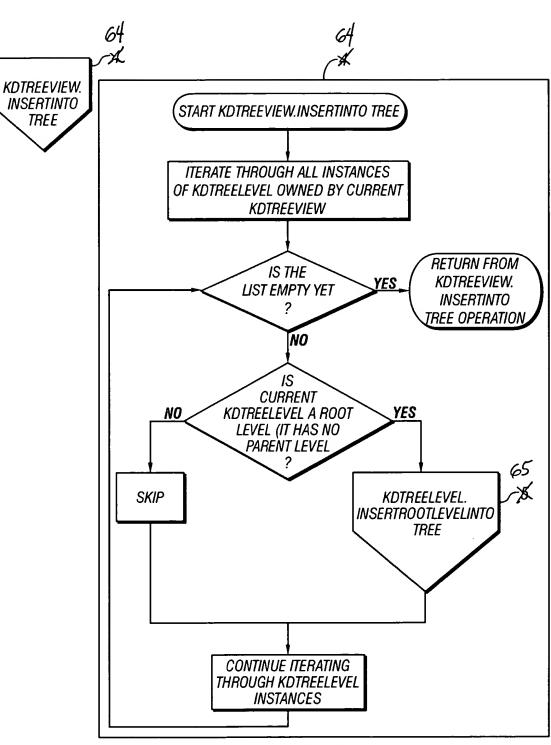


FIG. 6C





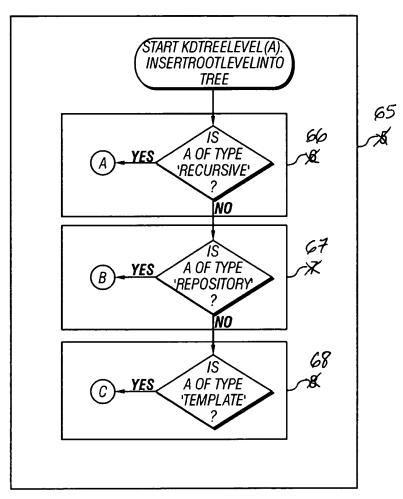


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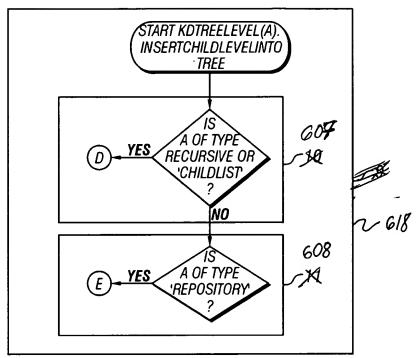


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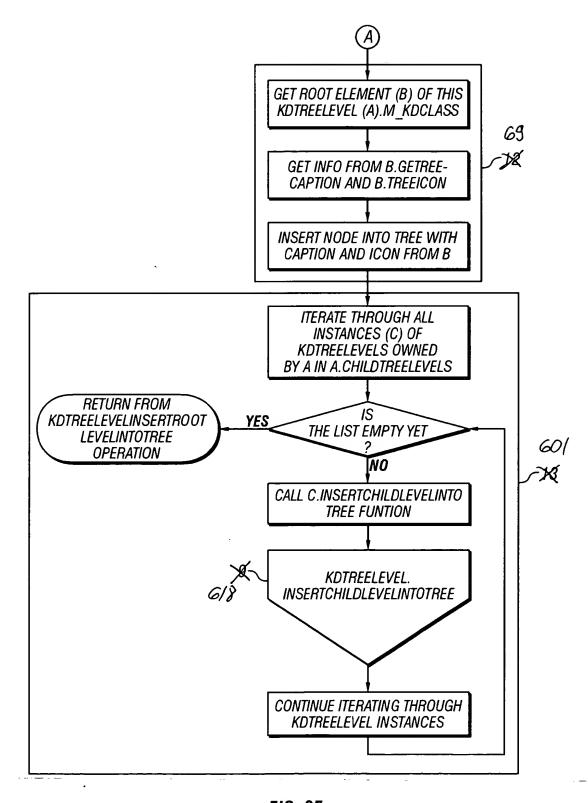


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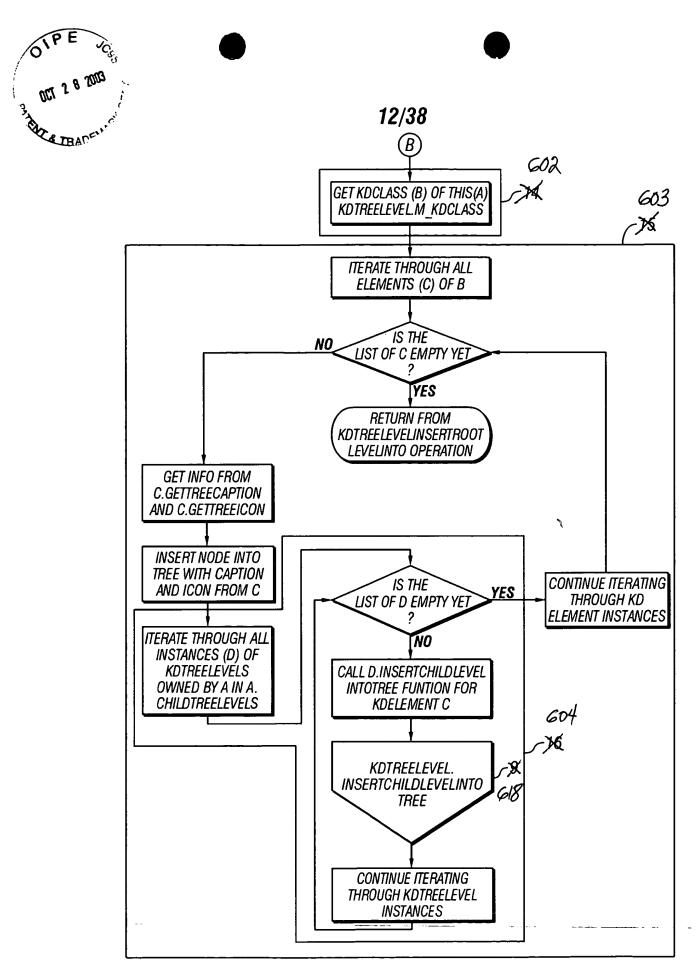


FIG. 6G

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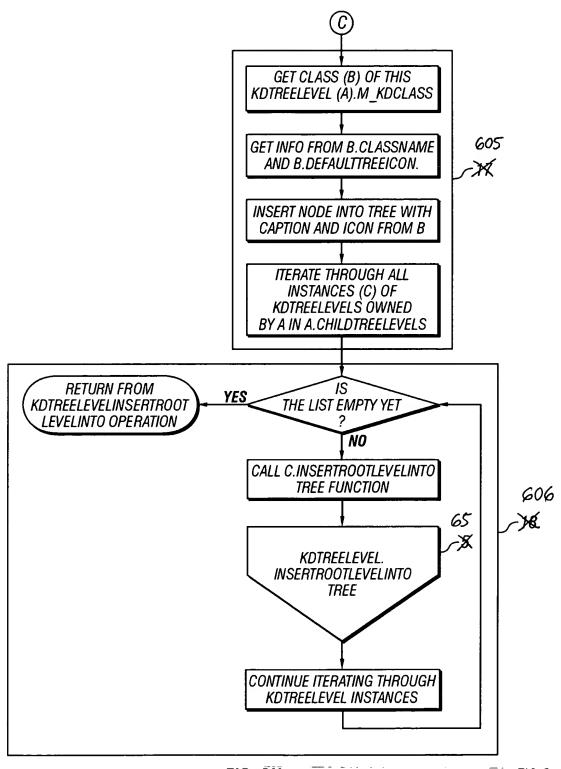


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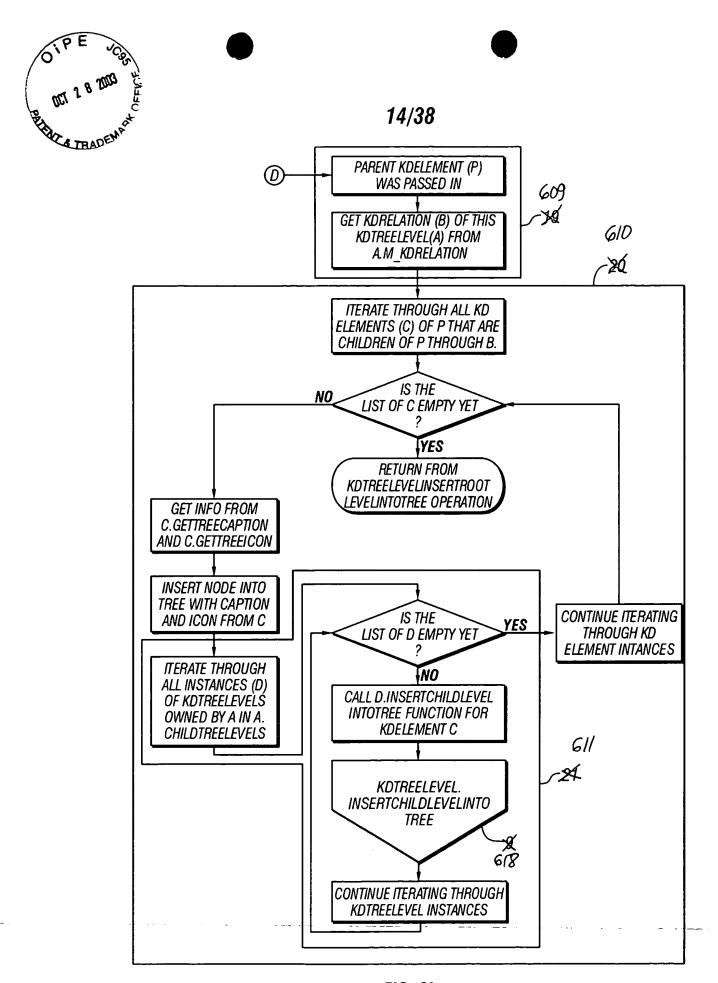


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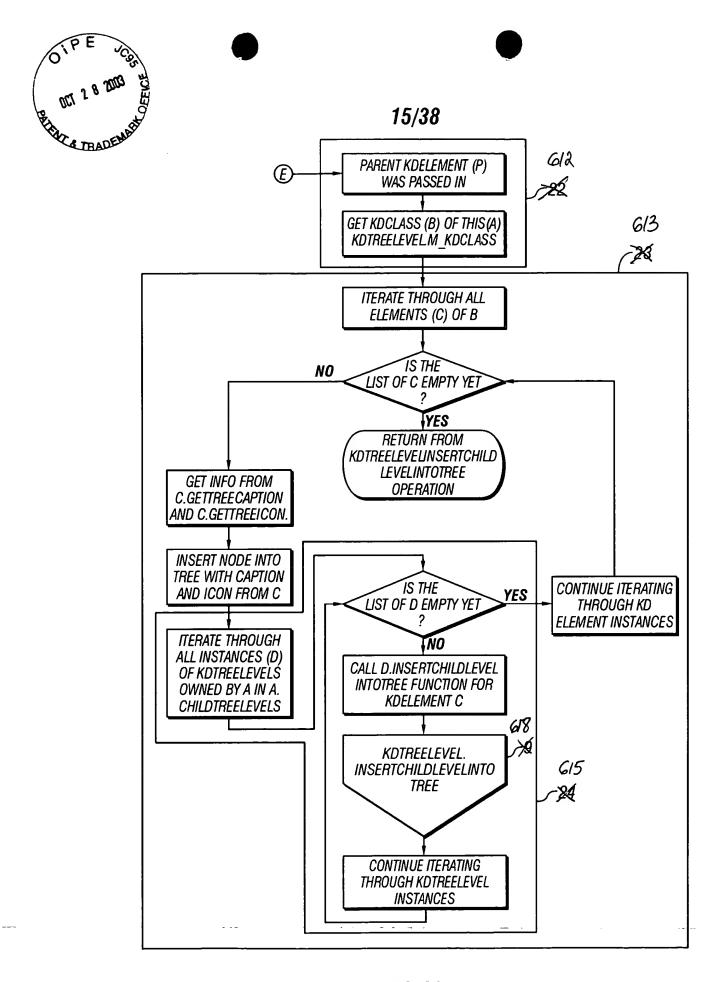
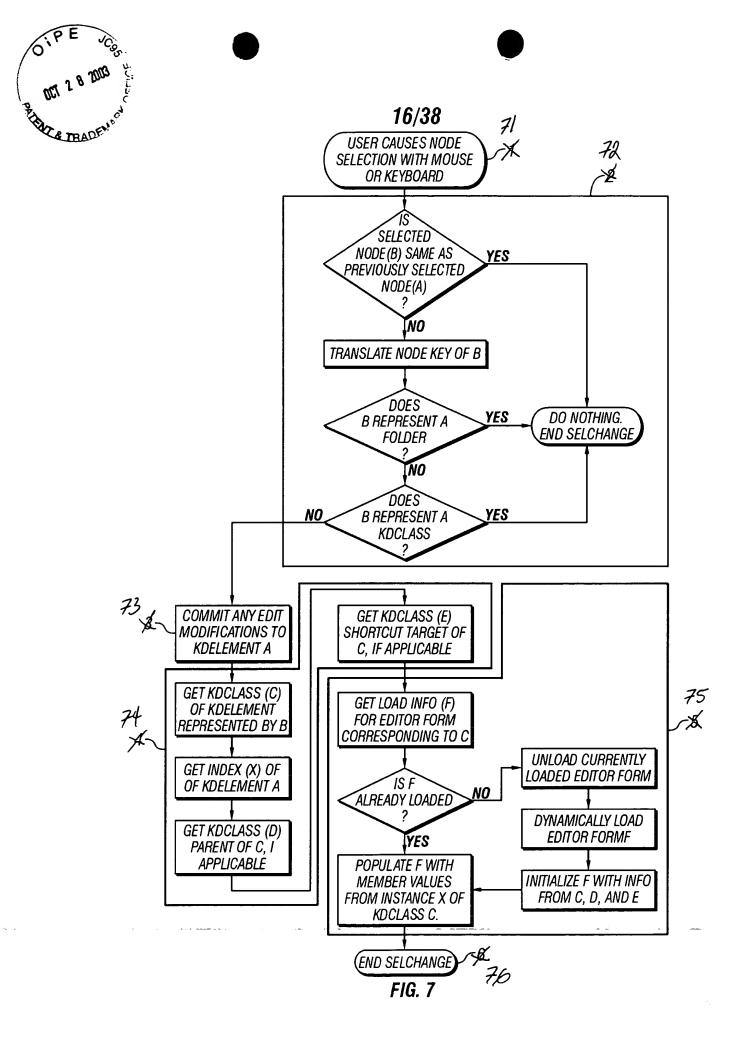


FIG. 6J





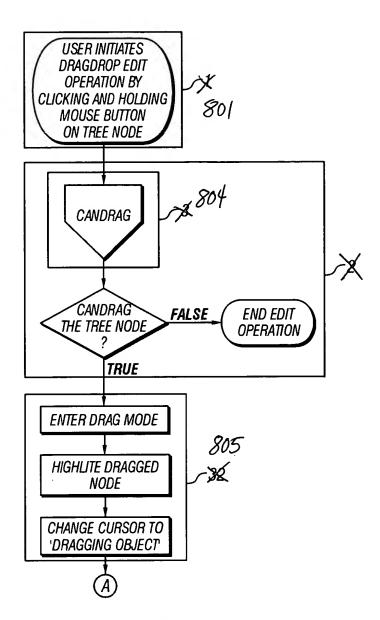
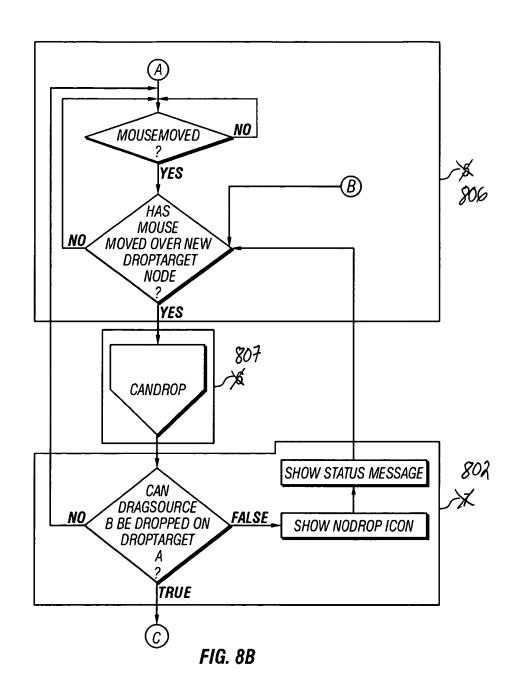


FIG. 8A

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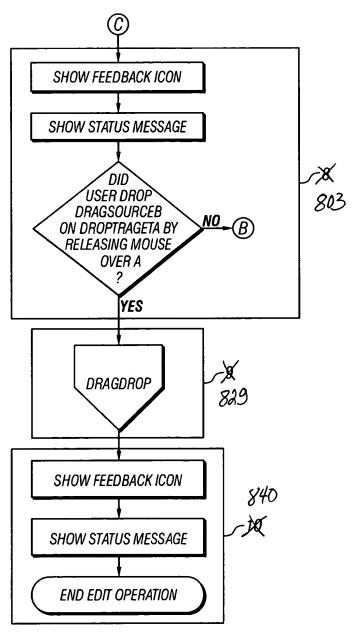


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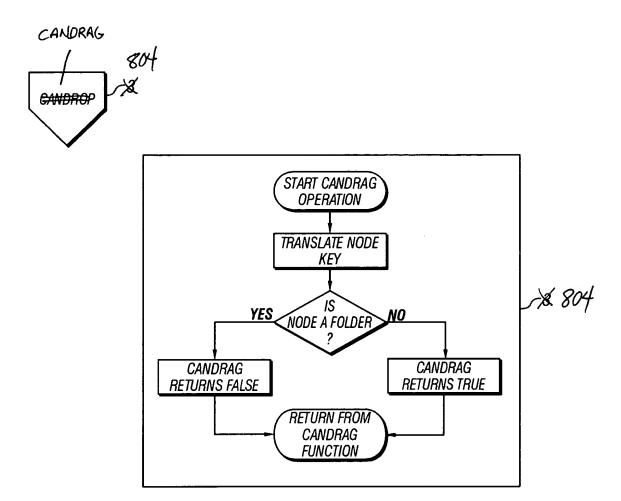


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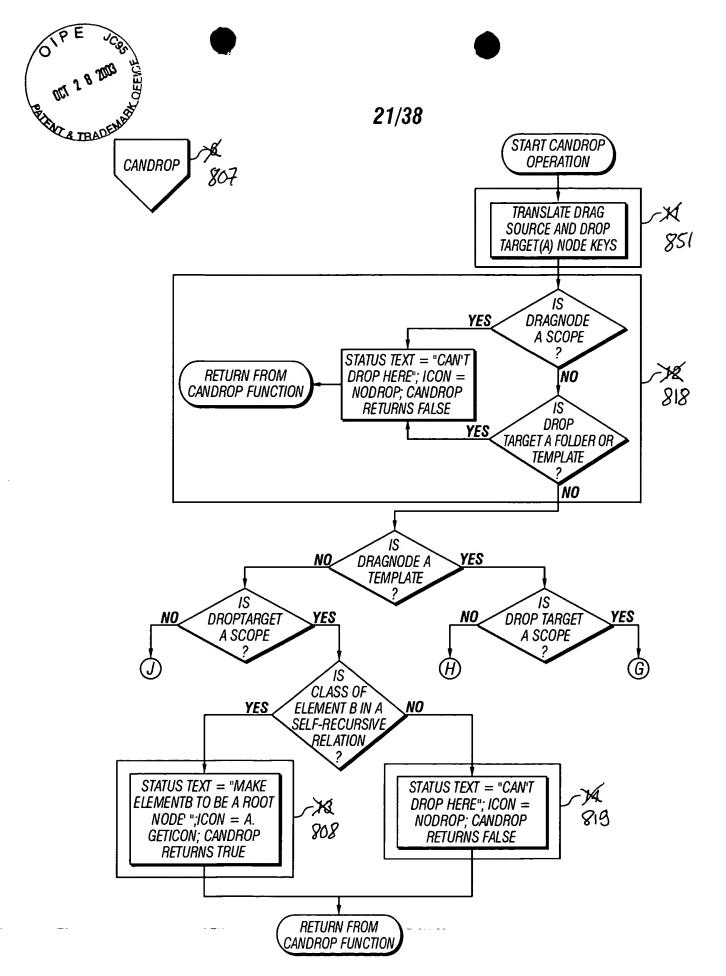


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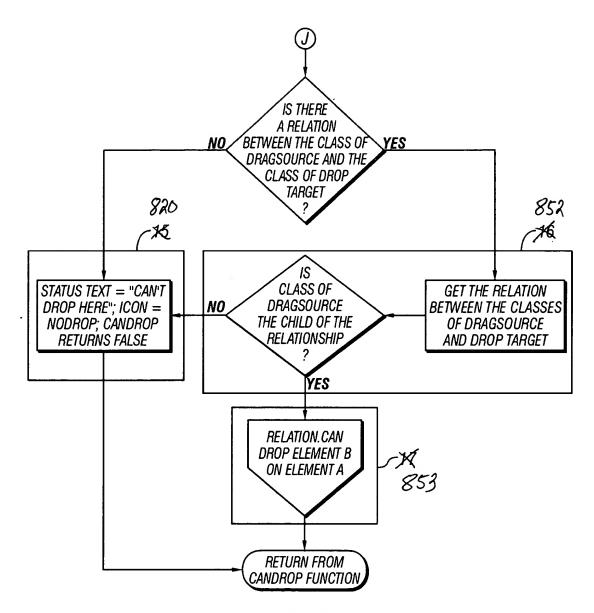


FIG. 8F

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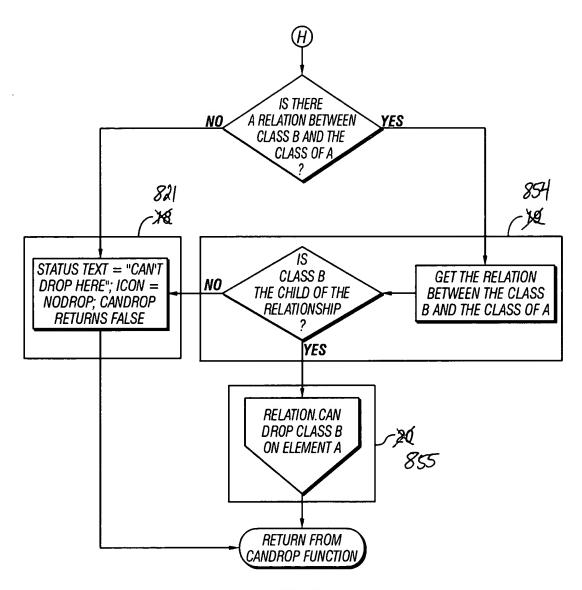


FIG. 8G

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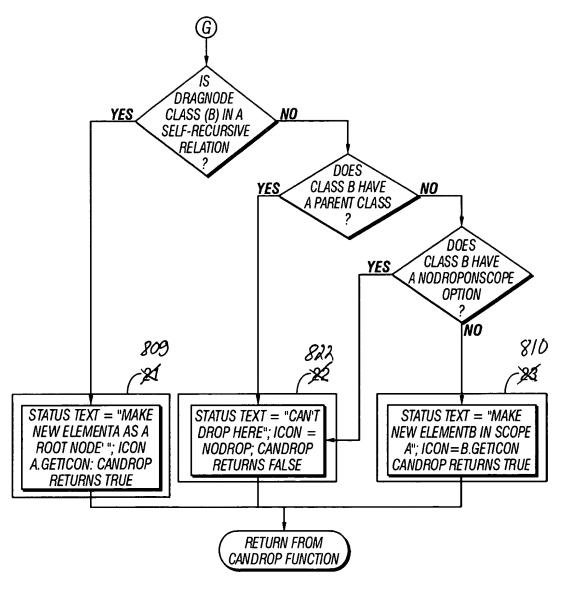


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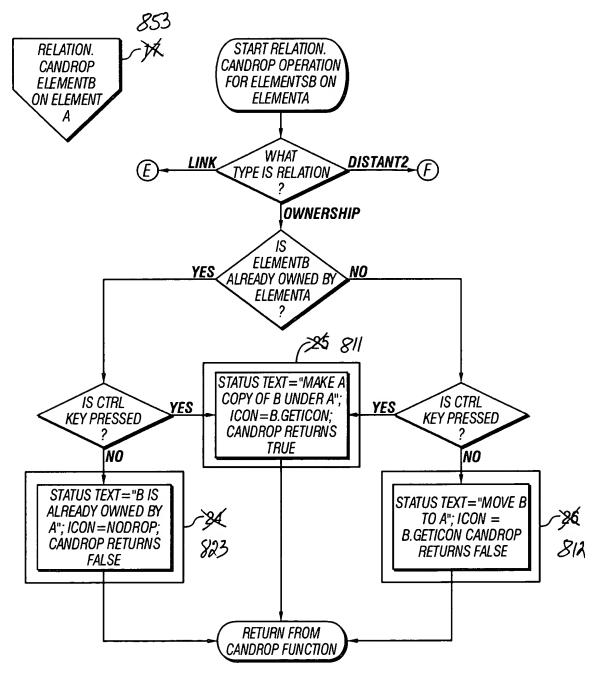
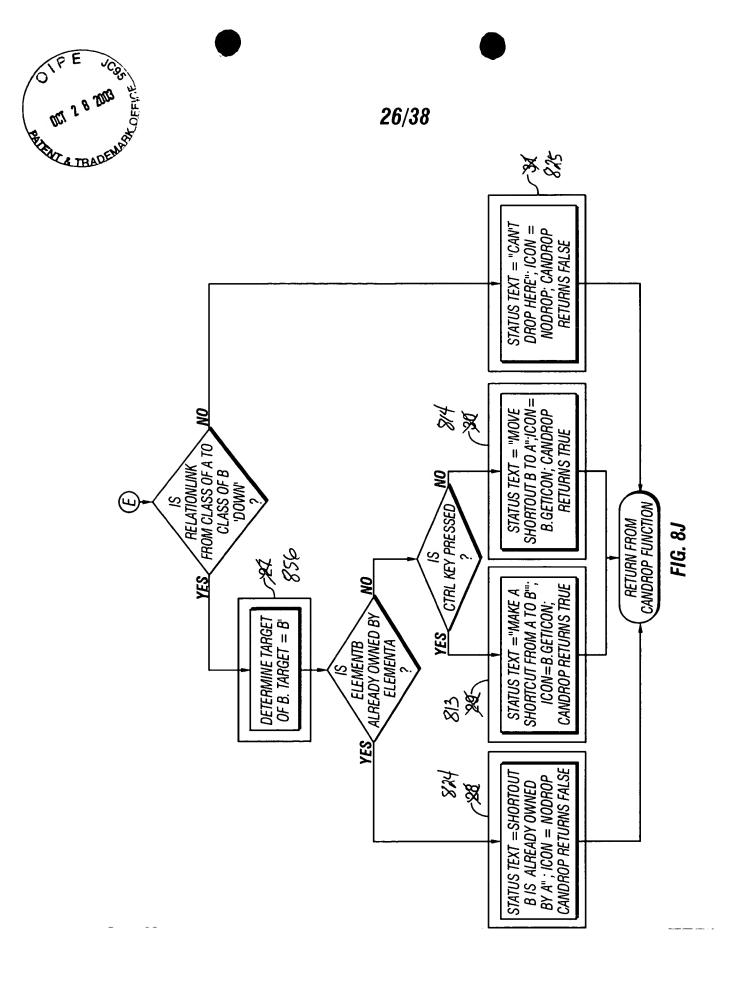


FIG. 81





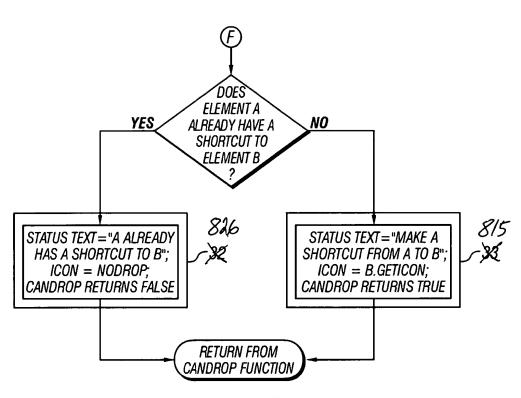
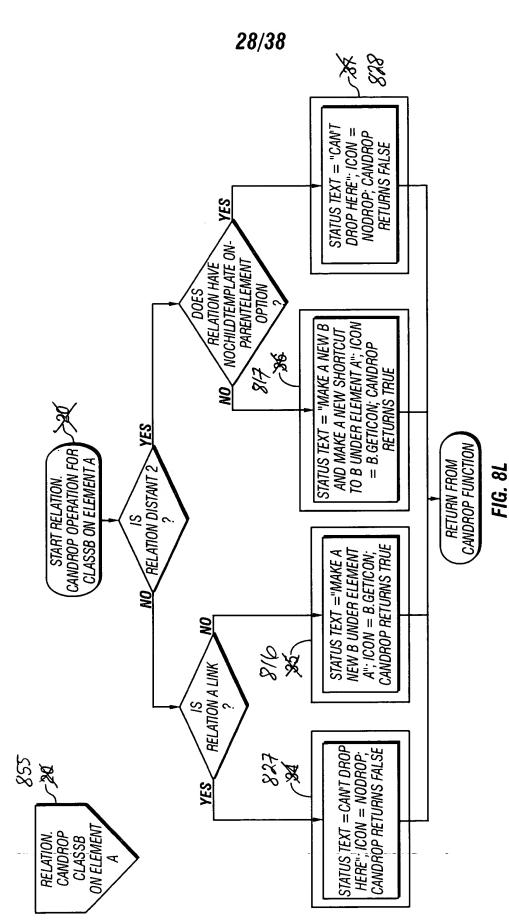


FIG. 8K







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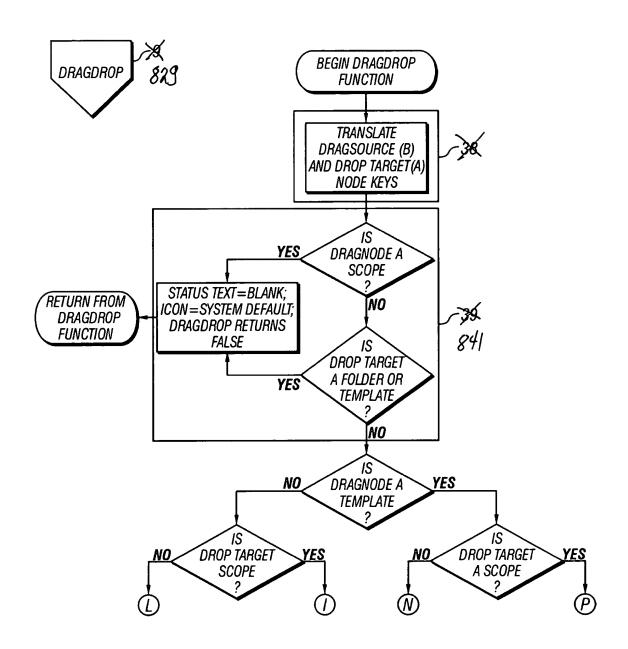


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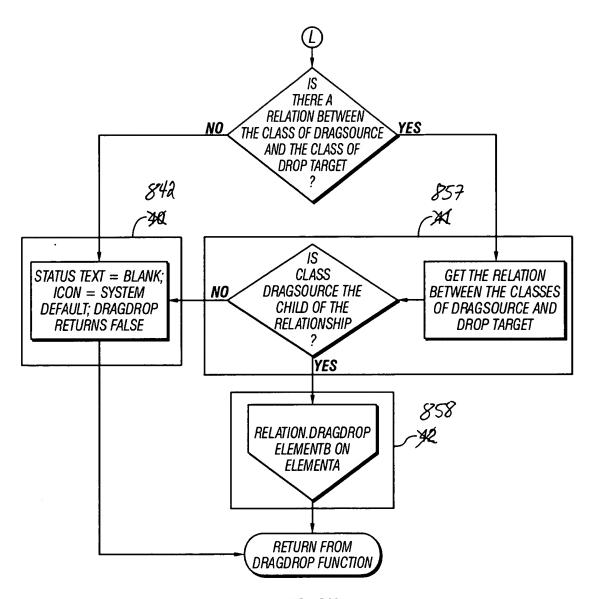
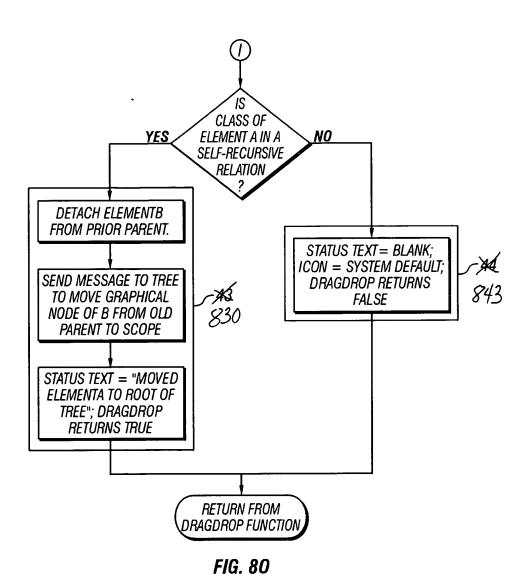


FIG. 8N

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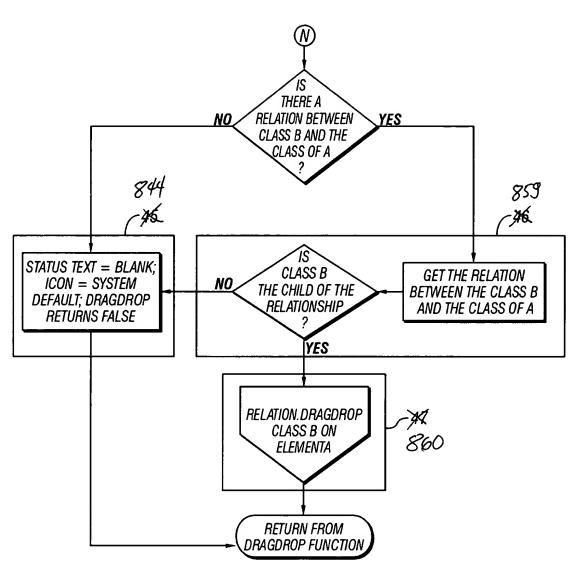
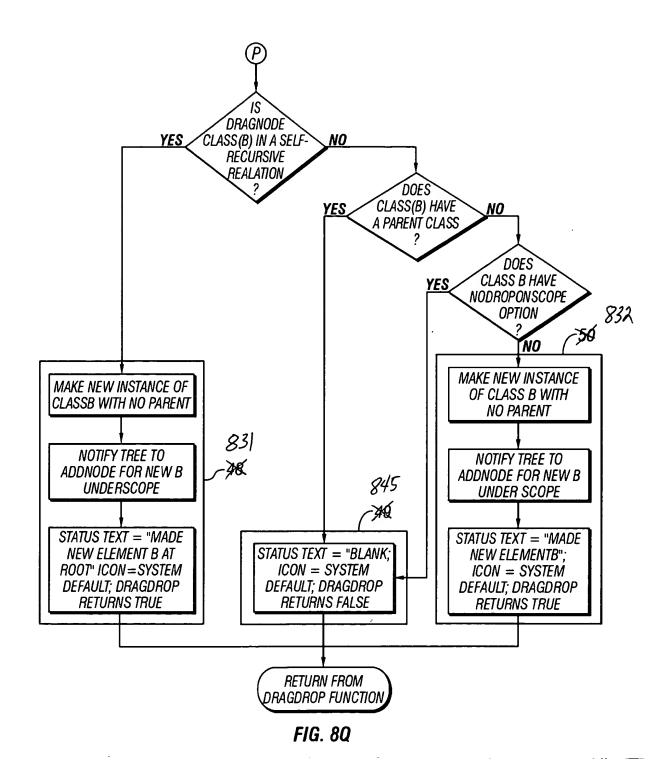


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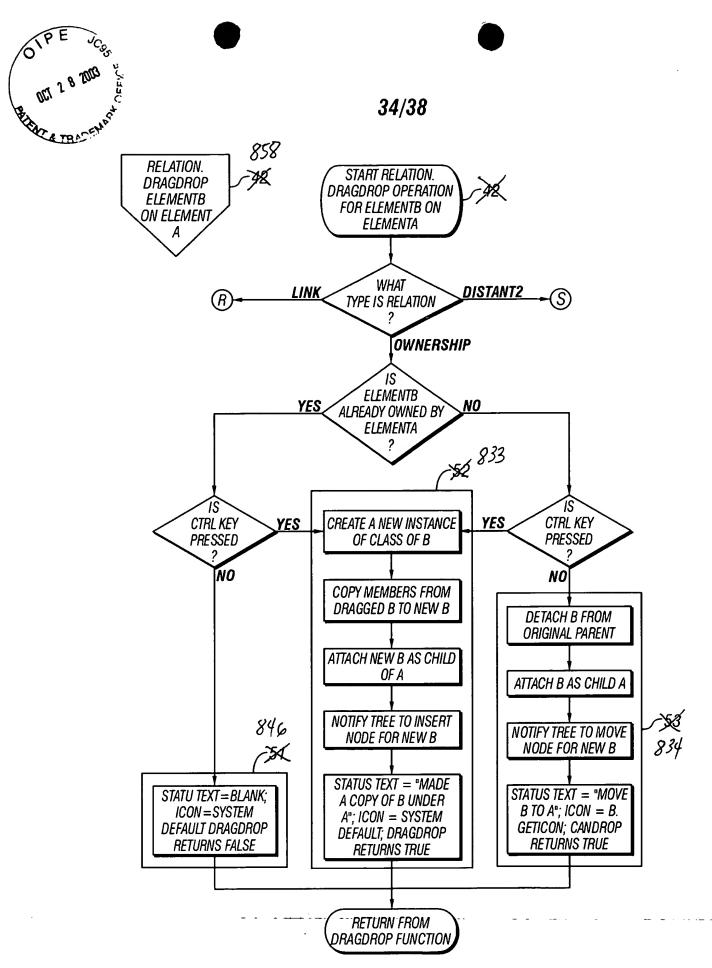


FIG. 8R

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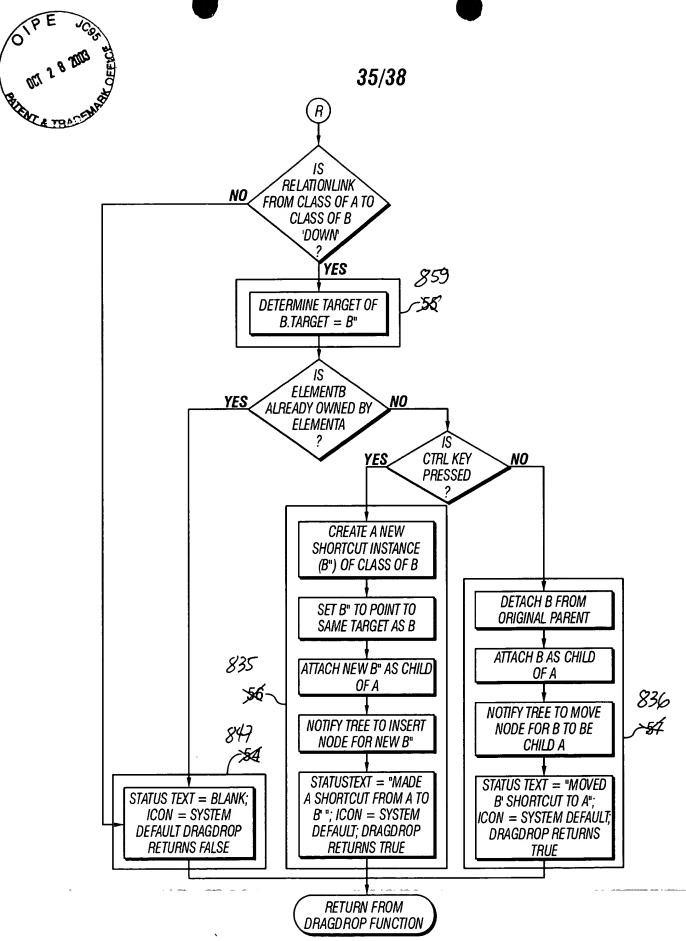


FIG. 8S

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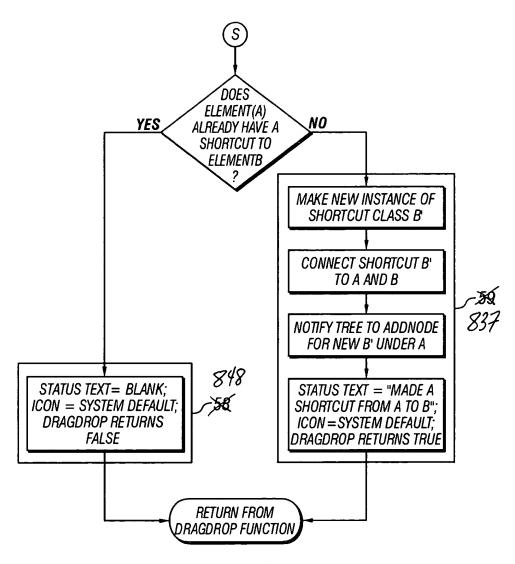
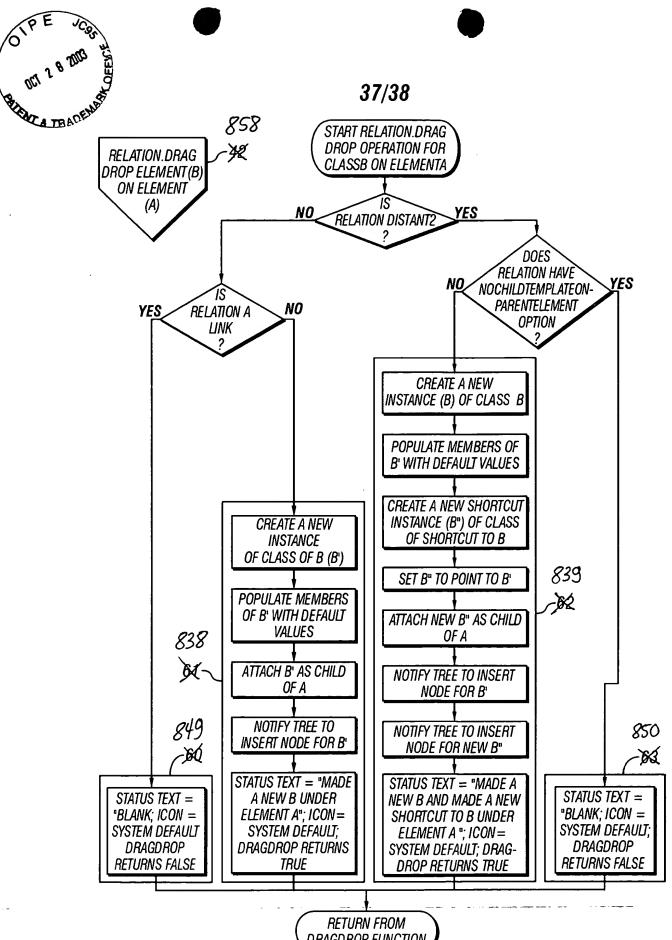


FIG. 8T



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